

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 19, of the specification as follows:

In Figs. 4A and ~~[[5B]]~~ 4B, in the flat type cell 1, with a structure wherein the pair of laminate films mentioned above are used as the cell outer sheath materials 3 with the circumferentially peripheral portions being thermally welded or the single sheet of laminate film is formed in the envelope to allow the opening portions to be thermally welded to permit the electric power generating element 9a, composed of the stack of the positive electrode plates 4, the separators 6 and the negative electrode plates 5, to be encapsulated and sealed while the positive electrode terminal lead (and also the negative electrode terminal lead) is sandwiched between the thermally welded portions 2 so as to extend to the outside of the outer sheath materials 3, it is preferable that a value obtained by dividing the cell maximum thickness T1 ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) by the active substance layer ( $\mu\text{m}$ ), that is, a sum of T2 and T2', falls in a value equal to or less than 80 (as expressed by  $(T1 / (T2 + T2')) \leq 80$ ).

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 23, of the specification as follows:

First, the automobile battery of the presently filed embodiment may be preferably comprised of at least ~~more than~~ one group that includes at least ~~more than~~ two automobile cells 1, with the structure mentioned above, which are connected in parallel or series to allow the cells 1 to be stacked or placed side by side so as to permit the associated electrode terminal leads 7, 7 of the batteries which are stacked or placed side by side, the associated electrode terminal leads 8, 8 or the associated electrode terminal leads 7, 8 to be mutually welded to one another.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 27, line 22, of the specification as follows:

Further, such a battery may be comprised of more than one group that is constructed of at least ~~more than~~ two automobile cells connected in parallel or series. Namely, as occasion

demands when producing batteries differing in the battery capacity and power output, the battery may be comprised of a group of at least ~~more than~~ two automobile cells connected in series, a group of automobile cells connected in parallel and a group of automobile cells connected in series and parallel. In addition, the battery may be presented in at least two groups constructed of a group including a single cell connected to the series-connected cells, a group composed of the cells connected in parallel and a group composed of the cells connected in series and parallel. In the presence of such plural groups of cells, the positive electrode terminal and the negative electrode terminal may be provided for each group forming the battery to allow each group of cells to provide a desired battery capacity and power output to suit for a variety of applications for thereby enabling a single cell to be utilized in multipurpose applications and, thus, the present invention may not be limited to a particular degree of freedom.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 28, line 5, of the specification as follows:

Furthermore, the automobile cell of the presently filed embodiment may be arranged in such a structure that when locating the cells 1 in a stacked or side-by-side state to provide at least ~~more than~~ one group in which the cells 1 are connected in parallel or series, one or plural electrode terminal leads of the cells stacked or placed side by side are welded to a single sheet of associated bus bar.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 28, line 22, of the specification as follows:

The automobile battery module of the presently filed embodiment may be comprised of a battery module that include at least ~~more than~~ two automobile cells, of the structures set forth above, which are connected in series, parallel or in combination of series and parallel connections.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 29, line 12, of the specification as follows:

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With the structure set forth above, connecting at least ~~more than~~ two battery 10 in series, parallel or in combination of series and parallel allows the structure to comply with a demand for a particular battery capacity and power output for each application purpose, where the batteries are installed in the electric automobile and hybrid car at a relatively low cost without newly manufacturing batteries.